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The Board of Supervisors traditionally proclaims January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month to draw attention to the many activities planned throughout Los Angeles County to focus attention on the importance of the early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

Approximately 550 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year and 160 women will die of it unnecessarily because cervical cancer is a preventable disease.

Although many strides have been made in reducing the incidence and mortality of cervical cancer, low income women and women of color remain at high risk. With the FDA approval of the first vaccine against the Human Papillomavirus or HPV, we have a new weapon in our fight against this disease. However, since the HPV vaccine will prevent only seventy percent of cervical cancers, it is still important that women receive an annual Pap test.

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To increase the number of women screened, the Office of Women's Health provides access to free Pap testing for low-income women who call their 1-800 multi-lingual hotline. Through their efforts and those of their community partners and other community-based organizations, awareness is being raised that cervical cancer is preventable with routine Pap tests. Through the efforts of the Office of Women's Health underserved women have increased access to screening, follow-up and treatment. No woman should have to die from a preventable disease.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Proclaim the month of January 2007 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County in recognition of the many activities to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine screening exams that lead to early detection and treatment;
2. Encourage County departments to provide educational activities for department staff, and to coordinate and participate in community outreach and screening activities during January 2007; and
3. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to work with the Director of Public Health in making arrangements to provide Cervical Cancer Awareness Month information in the January 2007 paychecks of all County employees.

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